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## CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

June 27, 2008

Dear Stakeholder:

The California High-Speed Rail Authority's public Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008, at the Judicial Council Conference Center, 455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA. **Please note the meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup> is scheduled to begin at 1:00pm and will continue on July 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.**

The Final Bay Area to Central Valley Program EIR/EIS has been made available to the public in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and the National Environmental Policy Act prior to the Authority and FRA's decisions at the conclusion of this program level environmental review. At the Authority's public Board Meeting, to be held in San Francisco at the Judicial Council Conference Center Auditorium, the Authority Board will receive public comment on the Final Program EIR/EIS on July 8, and on July 9, is expected to consider whether to certify the Final Program EIR/EIS.

At this meeting, staff will request authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with SANDAG, RCTC, SANBAG and SCAG in regards to working cooperatively with the planning and implementation of the HST in the Los Angeles to San Diego area via the Riverside corridor. Staff will also present a draft Request for Qualifications for the San Francisco to San Jose corridor and the San Jose to Merced corridor for board review and for a separate and independent regional rail project in the Altamont Corridor working with regional partners.

At the June 11, 2008 meeting, the Authority approved authorization to enter into a Co-Operative Agreement with Fresno Council of Governments (COG), the Financing team provided a briefing on the responses received to the Request for Expressions of Interest, and the Program Management team provided a briefing on the work to date on the Los Angeles - Palmdale corridor. Additionally, the Authority was briefed by Spanish high-speed train representatives on the status of Spain's passenger rail network.

For more information on the Authority's accomplishments, visit our website at [www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov](http://www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov).

I look forward to seeing you in San Francisco at our Board Meeting.

Sincerely,

Mehdi Morshed, Executive Director